



Attorney Docket: 381NT/48610CO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION

December 21, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/499,627
 Filed on: February 8, 2000
 Of: Kenji NAKABAYASHI et al.
 Entitled: IGNITION COIL FOR INTERNAL
 COMBUSTION ENGINE
 Examiner: A. DOLINAR
 Group: 3747

- X 1. Accompanying this declaration is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed. Total pages 1-48 plus 13 sheets of formal drawings showing Figures 1-15.
2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of sheet(s), depicting Figures .
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application (pages 1-4)
- i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

5. Cancel original claims _____.
6. Small entity status:
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. ☐ A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on _____ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee						<u>\$370</u>		\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>13</u>	-	<u>20</u>	=	<u>0</u>	x	<u>9</u>	= \$ <u>108.00</u>
Ind. Claims	<u>6</u>	-	<u>3</u>	=	<u>3</u>	x	<u>42</u>	= \$ <u>252.00</u>
					Multiple Dependent Claims	+	<u>140</u>	= \$ <u>280.00</u>
					Total			\$ <u>1,100.00</u>

8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. _____) in the amount of \$_____.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$1,100.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 381NT/48610CO).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/499,627, filed February 8, 2000--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). 11-030163, filed in Japan on February 8, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/499,627 on February 8, 2000.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd. (Notice of Recordation and Attachments – 4 pages)

X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

— b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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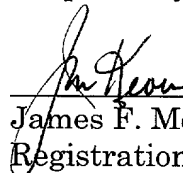
X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

— 19. Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,



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